

# By the Queene.

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Her Maestie hauyng not long since geuen her louyng subiectes knowledge by Proclamation, of certayne forrayne Coynes of golde brought into this Realme, of muche lesse value then Angels of golde of this Realme, and yet stamped so like to the same Angels, as it was harde without diligent markynge therof, to decerne the one from the other: Is newlyne informed, that an other sort of forrayne Coyne of golde, of great quantitie, is lyke wyle brought of late

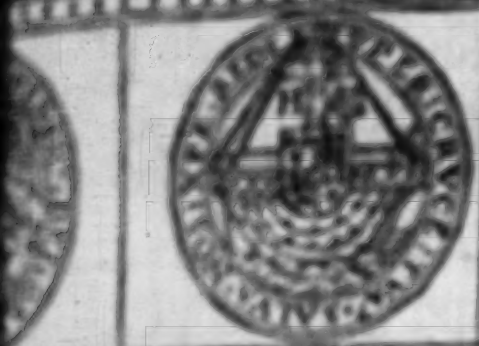
tyme into the Realme. beyng stamped lyke the Royalles of golde of .x. s. and yet beyng much lesse in value both in weight and synenelle, wherby many of her good subiectes receauyng the same, are dayly deceaued and dammaged. And for that purpose, her Maestie hath thought very meete to warne al her subiectes to take diligent heede and regarde to these maner of notable deceiptes, entended by euill disposed persons, in vtteraunce of the sayde forrayne Coynes.

And for remedy herein, Her Maestie strayghtly chargeth and commaundeth all maner of persons, that haue or shall haue any coyne of golde or syluer, being made or fourmed in lyhenesse to the Angell or Royall of golde of this Realme, or lyke to any other peece of coyne of golde or syluer, allowed to be currant money in this Realme, & that of their owne knowledge, or by admonition of any other, vnderstand the same coyne, not to be lawfull currant monies of this Realme, in no wyle to vtter any of the same to any person in the name of any monyes, but only to sell or chaunge them at the mynt, or otherwise vse them as Bullion, accordyng to theyr weight and finenelle, bypon payne that whosoever shall do to the contrary, shall be attached, and commytted to pryson, there to remayne without baile or maynepryse, vntill her Maesties expresse pleasure in that case shall be certaynely knowen. And shall further suffer that, which shall be due to persons committynge such offences, tending to the derogation of the dignitie of this Crowne, and to the manifest deceipt and colourable robbery of her highnes people.

And because it may manifestly appeare to the sight of her subiectes, howe to auoide the deceiptes alreedy discovered, in the vtteraunce of the foresaide coyne: Her Maestie hath ordered, that there shall be prynted and published herewith, the true pryntes and stampes, of the Angels and Royals being the currant monies of this Realme, and also the stampes of the forrayne monyes aboue mentioned, whiche do in part resemble her Maesties sayd monyes, and in part do in dede differ from the same, although without regard therto had, either by weight or sight, they may seme all one, and not different.

And for that it may be, that no like attemptes wilbe inuented hereafter, to deuise other coyne, to resemble the rest of the coyne of golde or syluer beyng currant in this Realme, thereby to deceyue her people: Her Maestie wylleth, that at her Sherriffes in all Countiees for the tyme beyng, and all Maiours, and head officers, of

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Colones Corporate, and Baliffes of liberties, whensoever they or any of them, shall perceiue that this abuse shall hereafter be renewed in the utterance of these cognes, or that any newe attempt shall appeare, for any lyke deceipt to be vsed to the prejudice of other currant monyes of this Realme: They shall cause this her proclamation without further commaundement, to be newlye proclaymed, and set by in tyme and place accustomed, adding to the ende of this proclamation, an admonition to the people, to beware of such other straunge monyes by name, as shall not be allowable to be currant within this Realme. And shall further vse al good meanes, to trye and search out the offenders agaynst the meaning hereof, and without delay, shall committe the same to straight pryson, accordyng to the intent of this present proclamation.

Given at Westminster the 17th day of December, 1565. the eighth yere of her Ma-  
jesties reigne.

**God save the Queene.**

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